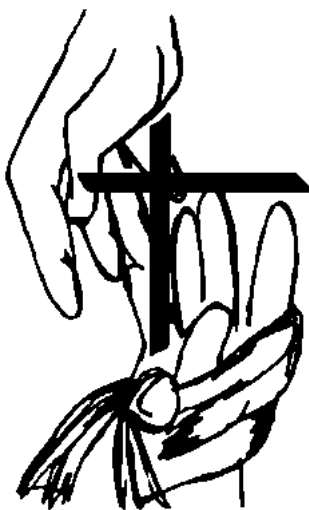




FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

September 6th, 2015

15th Sunday after Pentecost



Do Not Fear

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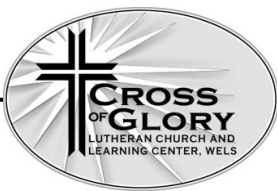
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

ORDER OF SERVICE: WORD & SACRAMENT

HYMN.....Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul (CW #238)

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)

- M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

- M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



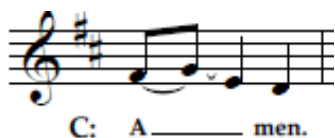
C: Christ, have mer — cy.

- M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise

O LORD, OUR LORD

4
O Lord, our Lord, how glo rious is your name in all the earth. Al mighty

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God, mer ci ful Fa ther, you crown our life with_ your

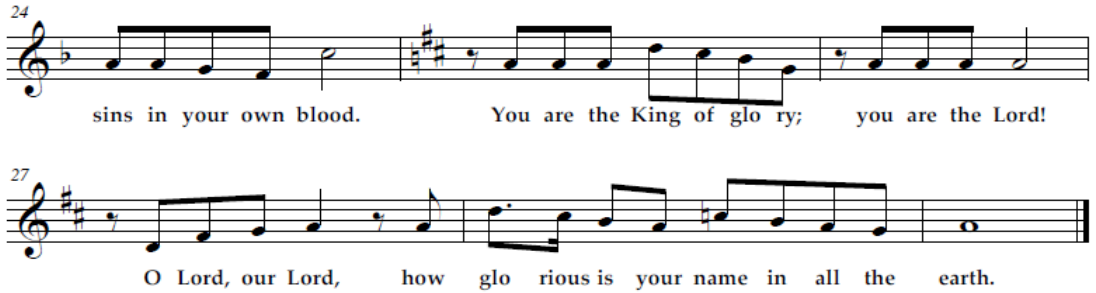
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love. You take a way our sin; you com fort our spir it; you make us pure

12
and ho ly in your sight. You did not spare your on ly Son, but gave him up

16
for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glo rious is your name in all the earth.

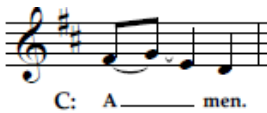
19
— O Son of God, e ter nal Word of the Fa ther, you came to live with

22
us; you made your Fa ther known; you washed us from our



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.



PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 146



M: Praise the Lord, 'O my soul. *

C: I will sing praise to my God as long 'as I live.

M: Do not put your trust in 'princes *

C: in mortal men who 'cannot save.

M: Blessed is he whose hope is in the 'Lord his God, *

C: The maker of hea'ven and earth.

Refrain

M: The Lord gives food to the 'hungry, *

C: The Lord sets 'prisoners free.

M: The Lord gives sight 'to the blind, *

C: The Lord lifts up those who are 'bowed down.

M: The Lord watches over the 'outcast, *

C: And sustains the fatherless and the 'widow.

M: The Lord remains faithful for'ever. *

C: He upholds the cause of 'the oppressed.

C: Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son *

and to the Holy 'Spirit,

as it was in the be'ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer-- at three in the afternoon.² Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!"⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God,¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

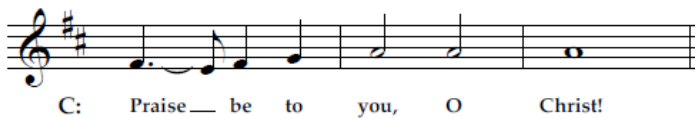


GOSPEL.....Mark 7:31-37

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man.³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!").³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell

anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY.....Thy Strong Word (CW #280 vv. 1-3)

SERMON.....Isaiah 35:4-7a

“Facing the Future without Fear”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: **Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.**

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)

C: Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole
earth is full of your glo ry. You are my God and
I will ex alt you. I will give you thanks for you have be come my sal
va tion. Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole
earth is full of your glo ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on—

us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have

mercy on— us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the

sin of the world; grant us your peace. A— men.

DISTRIBUTION

Following the distribution, we hear the anthem "Still, My Soul, Be Still":

1. Still my soul be still

And do not fear

Though winds of change may rage tomorrow

God is at your side

No longer dread

The fires of unexpected sorrow

2. Still my soul be still

Do not be moved

By lesser lights and fleeting shadows

Hold onto His ways

With shield of faith

Against temptations flaming arrows

Refrain:

God You are my God

And I will trust in You and not be shaken

Lord of peace renew

A steadfast spirit within me

To rest in You alone

3. Still my soul be still

Do not forsake

The Truth you learned in the beginning

Wait upon the Lord

And hope will rise

As stars appear when day is dimming

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



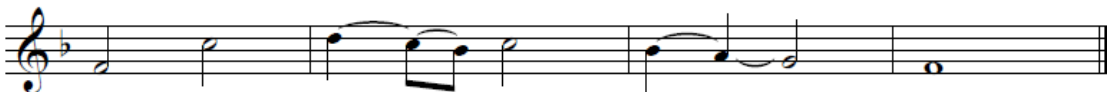
C: A _____ men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



C: A men. A _____ men. A _____ men.

CLOSING HYMN.....On Eagles' Wings (CW #440)

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance: 44.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund Offerings: \$917.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday (9/9):	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
Sunday (9/13):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion

KICKOFF SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 13TH



The fall season of Sunday School, Bible Study, and worship at Cross of Glory will be kicking off on Sunday, September 13th. Following worship, there will be time for some fellowship with an ice cream social.

* Our Growing in Christ Sunday School is a great opportunity for children all ages to hear God's Word in a fun and interactive learning environment.

* Our adult Bible study session will begin with a series based on the book "Rainbow Savior." We'll look at what the Scriptures say on a range of topics concerning homosexuality—from reaching loved ones struggling to interacting with a world embracing it as an acceptable alternative lifestyle.

COMMUNITY EVENT INVITATION

On Saturday September 19, there will a reenactment of the Battle of Baton Rouge in 1779 at the Oakley Plantation in St. Francisville. The park is open from 9am-5pm. The park has a museum, tours of the house, grounds, hiking trail, and picnic areas. There will be demonstrations throughout the day and the battle demonstration will occur around 2pm. Cost of tickets is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

SAVE THE DATE!



Fall Festival
Sun. November 1
Noon - 3:00 p.m.

*Free - Food - Games
Open to the Public*

You're waiting on your oil change and to kill time, you check your Facebook status updates on your phone. To your surprise, one of your church friends from long ago has come out about being gay. In fact, they are now apparently an advocate for the cause. Yet, under their profile, they still claim to be Christian. Even more mindboggling is the fact that many of your other Christian friends have "liked" their status update... Your phone vibrates. Your sister's pic pops up. She's called to tell you that your niece has come out of the closet. Your sister is broken and sobbing over the phone. To your amazement you also find out that many of your own Christian relatives are very supportive of your niece in what she's now proclaiming... Your son who was raised in the church comes home from college and after days of awkward silence, he tells you he's gay and that he's afraid of what you might think about him. He's even afraid of what God thinks...

How do you respond? Do you remain silent? Do you accept these ever-increasing proclamations from family and friends? Do you condemn them all? What is one to do? When the church finds out, what should your leaders and your pastor do? How should they approach your loved one, if this were your son or daughter? What should they say from God or should they simply look the other way?

Starting next week, Pastor Hahm will be leading us through a Bible study on a number of issues revolving around the topic of homosexuality. Here are the topics which will be covered: 1) How to Reach Out to Christians Embracing Homosexuality; 2) Answering the Arguments: God Loves Gays... & Judge Not! 3) How to Know Whether Homosexuality is Good or Evil; 4) Are People Really Born that Way? 5) What Is Our True Identity? 6) Is the Gay Issue really about Love? 7) The Only Happy Lifestyle; 8) Who's to Blame for Society's Acceptance of Homosexuality and Why Are the Churches Divided on this Issue? 9) How Does the Christian Interact with a Corrupt Society and Can Marriage Be Redefined? 10) The Real Meaning of the Rainbow and the Christian's Mission.